



CITY OF DURHAM | NORTH CAROLINA

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To: Thomas J. Bonfield, City Manager
From: Theodore L. Voorhees, Deputy City Manager
Subject: Annexation of “Donut Hole” Properties

Executive Summary

Durham has 44 separate properties surrounded by the city-limits that have not been made a part of the contiguous city. These so called “donut holes” consist of 753 total acres and range in size from 262 acres to 261 square feet, with a total assessed tax value of \$71.4 million. The Administration will present information about the characteristics of these properties and the process for annexation into the city limits.

Recommendation

Receive the report on Annexation of “Donut Hole” Properties and provide direction to the Administration.

Background

Through a variety of ways, various un-annexed properties have become surrounded by the annexation of property into the city limits. In some cases new development has progressed around an area. In other cases, annexation should have taken property into the city but did not due to technicalities such as mistakes, or a lack of purpose, in recording, surveying or mapping. In one of the cases, opposition from homeowners on the edge of the city resulted in a street being deleted from an annexation process. That subdivision is no longer on the edge of the city and is now completely surrounded. For whatever reason, the fact is that all these properties are surrounded on all sides by the city limits. Given the number of these properties, it appears that for ease of administration, tax and service equity, and service delivery consistency that a city-initiated annexation of these parcels is the most expedient way to bring these parcels into the City of Durham.

Financial Impacts

A detailed financial impact analysis will accompany the Service Report if the City Council decides to move forward with an annexation process for any of these properties.

SDBE Summary

Not applicable.

Attachment

PowerPoint presentation on Donut Hole Annexation